

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

DATE: April 1, 2010

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:31 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:46 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDING MEMBERS

Mike Speedy, Chairman
Ginny Cain
Brian Mahern
Dane Mahern
Angela Mansfield
Janice McHenry
Mary Moriarty Adams
Christine Scales

ABSENT MEMBERS

Benjamin Hunter

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 243, 2009 - approves and authorizes execution of an agreement between the City of Indianapolis and Hamilton County, Indiana, for the exercise of eminent domain authority and the construction of highway and drainage improvements in Marion and Hamilton Counties

"Postponed until May 6, 2010"

Vote: 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 94, 2010 - amends the Code to add and amend various penalties related to the enforcement of provisions addressing the operation and safety of bicycles and bicycle lanes or paths

"Do Pass"

Vote: 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 95, 2010 0- authorizes multi-way stops at intersections in the Timberlakes subdivision

"Do Pass"

Vote: 8-0

Public Works Committee

The Public Works Committee of the City-County Council met on Thursday, April 1, 2010. Chairman Mike Speedy called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. with the following members present: Ginny Cain, Brian Mahern, Dane Mahern, Angela Mansfield, Janice McHenry, Mary Moriarty Adams and Christine Scales. Absent was Ben Hunter.

PROPOSAL NO. 243, 2009 - approves and authorizes execution of an agreement between the City of Indianapolis and Hamilton County, Indiana, for the exercise of eminent domain authority and the construction of highway and drainage improvements in Marion and Hamilton Counties

Councillor Mansfield stated that she was grateful that Hamilton County listened to their concerns and went back to the drawing board and pretty much gave in to most of the demands that were made. She stated that it has been determined that roundabouts create more frequent intermittent breaks in traffic, and that roundabouts have an 80% less injury rate with collisions than on regular intersections. She stated that because they are shifting it more to the northeast, it will provide them with more green space.

Chairman Speedy asked to postpone Proposal No. 243, 2009 to the May 6, 2010 Public Works committee meeting. He stated that Hamilton County has responded to the neighbors, but should they need to prove any of the points, they will need time to get that information together.

Councillor Mansfield moved, seconded by Councillor D. Mahern, to "Postpone" Proposal No. #243, 2009 to the May 6, 2010 Public Works committee meeting. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 94, 2010 - amends the Code to add and amend various penalties related to the enforcement of provisions addressing the operation and safety of bicycles and bicycle lanes or paths

Dennis Papenmeier, Council Liaison, Department Public Works ,DPW, stated that this proposal is an ordinance where they are trying to update and clean up some of the language in the code. He stated that it will set specific fines for specific violations. He stated that there were some omissions in the language of the ordinance, and their staff has done some research to determine what those fines would be in other areas and have tried to mirror those. Secondly, it would bring the language to be more consistent with the operations of city prosecutors. Standard procedures, in terms of repeat violators, gives a little more leverage in bringing violators into court rather than continuing to give tickets. He stated that this will bring the code into the same consistent frame work of operation of the city Prosecutor's office.

Councillor D. Mahern asked what cities were used for comparison. Nathan Sheets, Senior Planner, DPW, stated that the cities of Chicago and Portland were some of the locations that were looked at.

Chairman Speedy clarified that this proposal deals only with penalties against the bicycle operators. Councillor B. Mahern clarified that previously they addressed the issues relating to cars in the bicycle lanes, and this is the second part of that issue, now addressing the bicyclist.

Councillor Scales asked, regarding the alarm ordinance fines, if the fees have been increased. Mr. Papenmeier stated that this ordinance does not reflect changes in alarm ordinances.

Councillor Scales moved, seconded by Councillor Moriarty Adams, to send Proposal No. 94, 2010 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 95, 2010- authorizes multi-way stops at intersections in the Timberlakes subdivision

Mr. Sheets stated that they received a request from the Timberlake's Home Owners Association to take a look at particular streets. As a result they are recommending that three multi-way stops be installed in this sub-division.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Cain, to send Proposal No. 95, 2010 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Works Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Speedy, Chair
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